

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
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Commission Meeting: January 18, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Qwest Corporation N2007.1.2 (Gary)

On January 2, 2007 Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for Commission approval a Multi-State Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and Cellco Partnership (Cellco). Qwest is filing the MSA with the Commission for approval pursuant to Section 2.18 (Large Business Customers With a Multi-State Presence) of its Exchange and Network Service Tariff, and pursuant to the Commission's April 16, 2004 Notice of Commission Action (NCA) in Docket N2003.10.149. Also pursuant to the NCA, Qwest filed proprietary

cost information. The MSA is the result Qwest re-signing and expanding a previous agreement with Cellco to provide telecommunications services within Qwest's incumbent territory. The services purchased by Cellco are available from other competitive carriers in addition to Qwest. Probable Motion: Move to approve the Multi-State Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Cellco Partnership in Docket No. N2007.1.2.

2. Qwest N2006.12.189 (Scott)

On December 19, 2006, Qwest Filed Tariff Transmittal QC06-22 Calling Card Revisions. In this filing Qwest is changing the interactive voice response platform. With technical changes to the calling card platform, Qwest will no longer be able to provide two features; speed dial and directory assistance; however, the customer will have the ability to reach directory assistance by dialing 1-NPA-555-1212. Probable motion: Approve Qwest's Transmittal QC06-22 in Docket N2006.12.189.

3. CenturyTel N2006.12.193 (Scott)

On December 22, 2006, CenturyTel filed Tariff Transmittal 06-13. With this filing CenturyTel is proposing to revise its Emergency Communications Services to include C911 Service. C911 service provides ANI (Automatic Number Identification) to the PSAP (Public Service Answering Point) but does not provide ALI (Automatic Location Identification). CenturyTel is requesting an effective date of January 20, 2007 for this filing. Probable motion: Approve CenturyTel's Tariff Transmittal 06-13 in Docket N2006.12.193.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

Tuesday January 16, 2007

1. **8:30 am** - Legislative work session – Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills
2. **9:00 am** – D2006.12.176 – NorthWestern Energy – Application of NWE for automatic rate adjustment and tracking for fees and taxes – Discuss draft order, provide direction to staff, and possibly act on NWE's request

Thursday January 18, 2007

1. N2006.12.184 –NWE 2006 natural gas procurement plan – Discussion, direction, action on motion for protective order, other matters as necessary (1/18/07)
2. D2006.6.94 –NWE 2006 QF/AC (qualifying facility/avoided cost) – Discussion, direction, action on discovery objections and motions, other matters as necessary (1/18/07)
3. D2006.8.114 – Havre Pipeline Company – Application of Havre Pipeline Company to increase rates and charges for farmstead service – Discuss and act on Havre Pipeline Company's request (1/18/07)
4. D2006.6.82 – NW/BBI Sale Docket – Discuss possible public meetings to be held in advance of the technical hearing scheduled to commence on March 14, 2007 (1/18/07)
5. D2006.6.81 – Qwest customer incentive programs - motion to compel discovery – To consider and act on the motion (1/18/07)
6. N2007.1.1 – Cut Bank Gas – Application for term protective order related to annual reporting of compensation for employees, management, and directors – Discussion, direction, action on motion for protective order, other matters as necessary (1/18/07)
7. N2006.4.47 and 48 – Ronan Tel and Hot Springs Tel – Requests for term protective orders – Discuss Ronan/HS requests to protect compensation information for certain employees (1/18/07)
8. Out of state staff travel – Approve Candace Beery's travel to: (1) Northern Tier Transmission Group meeting re: western electric transmission expansion efforts, Boise, ID, Jan. 30-31 and (2) MISO meeting re: ancillary services market launch, Indianapolis, Feb. 1-2 (1/18/07)

9. Legislative – Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills (1/18/07)
10. **1/17/07 and 1/19/07, both at 8:30 a.m.** – Legislative – Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills (Commission Conference Room)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

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Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2007.1.3 – Black Hills Power – Application for authority to establish a quarterly fuel rate rider.